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SUBJ: FRENCH PARTICIPATION IN AD HOC COMITE TO REVIEW UN  
ROLE IN DISARMAMENT

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1. SUMMARY: FRENCH UN MISSION COUNSELLOR SCALABRE TOOK AN  
ACTIVE INTEREST IN THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE AD  
HOC COMITE, CONCERNING HIMSELF MAINLY WITH IMPLICATIONS  
OF THE COMITE'S WORK FOR THE CONFERENCE OF THE COMITE ON  
DISARMAMENT (CCD). END SUMMARY.

2. BRITISH MISSION OFFICER INFORMED US THAT AT A MEETING OF  
THE EC-9 DELEGATIONS TO THE AD HOC COMITE, SCALABRE  
SUGGESTED THAT THE COMITE REVIEW INTERNAL PROCEDURES OF  
THE CCD AND ARGUED THAT SUCH A REVIEW WAS NECESSARY AS  
A BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE RELATIONSHIP  
BETWEEN THE CCD AND UNGA. ACCORDING TO PARTICIPANTS IN  
THE MEETING, SCALABRE'S SUGGESTION RECEIVED NO SUPPORT.

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3. SCALABRE LATER TOLD US DELOFF (GIVAN) OF HIS STATEMENT

TO THE EC-9 AND ADDED THAT HE HAD MADE THE SAME SUGGESTIONS TO AD HOC COMITE CHAIRMAN THORSSON. SHE, HOWEVER, HAD URGED HIM NOT TO PRESS FOR CONSIDERATION OF CCD INTERNAL PROCEDURES ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE CCD WOULD REVIEW ITS OWN PROCEDURES THIS SPRING. SCALABRE SAID THAT HE HAD AGREED NOT TO PRESS THE MATTER. HE COMMENTED THAT HIS SUGGESTION TO THE EC-9 AND THORSSON REFLECTED THE FACT THAT PARIS NOW HAS "SOMEWHAT MORE INTEREST" IN SUCH MATTERS, ALTHOUGH HE HAD NO SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS TO RAISE THE CCD IN THE AD HOC COMITE. GIVAN EXPRESSED SATISFACTION THAT THE FRENCH DEL HAD DECIDED NOT TO PRESS A SUGGESTION THAT MIGHT COMPLICATE PROCEDURAL REVIEW BY THE CCD.

4. SCALABRE EMPHASIZED MORE THAN ONCE THAT FRANCE IS NOW MORE "FLEXIBLE" TOWARD THE CCD. ASKED WHAT THIS MEANT, HE SAID THAT IT WAS PREVIOUSLY THE FRENCH POSITION THAT IT WOULD NOT JOIN THE CCD WITHOUT CHINA, BUT FRANCE NO LONGER LINKS THE TWO ISSUES AND COULD THEREFORE ENTER THE CCD WITHOUT CHINA. WHEN ASKED WHAT PROBLEMS FRANCE HAS WITH PRESENT CCD PROCEDURES, SCALABRE ANSWERED THAT, APART FROM THE CO-CHAIRMANSHIP, HE PERSONALLY THOUGHT IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT FOR THE CCD TO ADOPT A DEFINITIVE PROGRAM OF WORK. (HE RECALLED IN THIS CONNECTION THE US-SOVIET JOINT STATEMENT OF AGREED PRINCIPLES OF 1961) ASKED WHETHER HE HAD ANY OBJECTIONS TO THE PRESENT COMPOSITION OF THE CCD, SCALABRE REPLIED THAT HE DID NOT THINK THE PRESENT MEMBERSHIP OF THE CCD WOULD POSE A PROBLEM.

5. ANOTHER ISSUE ON WHICH FRANCE PLAYED VISIBLE ROLE WAS QUESTION OF COMITE PROCEDURE OF ADOPTING DECISIONS. SCALABRE SUPPORTED A ROMANIAN OBJECTION TO THE PROCEDURE PROPOSED BY THE CHAIR (WHICH CALLED FOR "UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT" ON COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS WITH A PROVISION THAT ALL PROPOSALS NOT UNANIMOUSLY AGREED COULD BE REFLECTED IN THE REPORT). HOWEVER, HE READILY ACCEPTED US DEL'S PROPOSAL TO SUBSTITUTE THE CONCEPT OF "ADOPTION WITHOUT OBJECTION" FOR "UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT", AND HE WAS HELPFUL IN PERSUADING ROMANIA AND OTHERS TO ACCEPT THIS SOLUTION. SCALABRE EXPLAINED THAT DELEGATION WISHED TO BE ABLE TO ACCEPT A CONSENSUS (NO-OBJECTION) RECOMMENDATION, "FOR EXAMPLE ON THE CCD",

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WITHOUT IMPLYING FRENCH SUPPORT FOR CCD (AS WOULD BE THE CASE IN ACCEPTING "UNANIMOUS" AGREEMENT).

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